

ABSENTEE VOTING



Applying to Vote Absentee:

In-Person

- Within 45 days prior to the election in which you wish to vote, visit your local registrar's office to vote absentee in-person.
- At the registrar's office, fill out an Absentee Application. You must show an acceptable form of ID. To view a complete list of acceptable IDs, please visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.
- After completing the application, you will be allowed to vote absentee in-person using a voting machine in the registrar's office. Accessible equipment and/or curbside voting is available upon request.

By Mail

- Request an Absentee Application from your local registrar.
- Return the completed form to your local registrar's office.
- After the registrar processes your application, you will receive your ballot in the mail.
- Fill out your ballot and return to your local registrar by 7pm on Election Day.

Completing an Absentee Ballot Application:

Virginia law states that applications for absentee ballots shall be completed in one of the following manners:

In Person

- An application completed in person can be made up to three days prior to the election in which the applicant wishes to vote and completed in the office of the local registrar. The applicant signs the application in the presence of a registrar or the secretary of the electoral board.

Visit the State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov for additional information or to find contact information for your local Registrar.

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- **NEW:** Applicants cannot both register to vote in person and vote absentee in person at the same time! If you register to vote in person, your absentee ballot cannot be issued until five days after you are registered.
- **NEW:** Registered voters who vote absentee in person are subject to the same rules that apply to voting at the polls—if acceptable identification is not provided, a provisional ballot will be offered and the voter is allowed until Friday at noon after the election to provide a copy of acceptable identification to the electoral board. Provisional voters receive a notice to remind them of the deadline and right to attend the electoral board meeting.
- **By mail**
 - Applications can be sent by mail to the office of the local registrar. **The signed and completed application must be received by the local registrar located in the city or county that you are registered to vote by 5:00 PM eastern standard time on the Tuesday prior to the election in which the applicant wishes to vote.**

Emergency Absentee Voting: Eligibility

- Voter became ill or incapacitated on or after the 7th day preceding the election
- Voter became hospitalized on or after the 14th day preceding the election, but has been unable, due to his / hers condition, to request an absentee ballot earlier than the 7th day before an election and is still in the hospital
- Bereaved by a family member as defined by 24.2-705.1(2)
- Late Assignment of an Election Officer
- Emergency Travel for Business Voter finds out after 12 noon on the Saturday before the election that he/she will be unable to go to the polls on Election Day
- Hospitalization or Death in Immediate Family

Voter Requirements

- Apply in person and vote by 2 p.m. on the day preceding the election (if not for hospitalization)
- If for hospitalization, proper paper work must be delivered back to the local registrar's office by 2 p.m.



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